FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 5, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 1986 - SB 2331**

This bill, if enacted, will allow injured employees or their families to recover against their employer under the Workers' Compensation Act and bring tort action against the employer, if the employer has within the past two (2) years been given two (2) citations for violating the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures to the Claims Award Fund; however, such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

In addition, the fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in an increase in local government* expenditures; however, such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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^{*}Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*